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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF PRO-ARAB LOBBY IN UK

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OF JANUARY 31 PUBLISHED
LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS BY
FIVE BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. LETTER STATES THAT
"UNLESS ISRAEL CAN BE SAVED FROM ITSELF, THERE WILL BE
A HOLOCAUST" IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THAT CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION SHOULD BE URGED "TO ABANDON ITS INHIBITIONS
ABOUT IMPOSING A SETTLEMENT." SIGNERS WERE DAVID
CROUCH, CONS; COLIN JACKSON, LAB; ANDREW FAULDS, LAB;

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DAVID WATKINS, LAB; AND ROBERT HICKS, CONS. COPY
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THE SIGNERS ARE PART OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PROJECTION
OF THE PRO-ARAB LOBBY IN THE UK. THE LATTER'S PUBLIC
ACTIVITIES ARE CHANNELLED LARGELY THROUGH THE COUNCIL
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ARAB-BRITISH UNDERSTANDING
(CAABU), WHICH HAS DISTRIBUTED RE-PRINTS OF GEORGE
BALL'S ARTICLE IN THE APRIL 1977 FOREIGN AFFAIRS EN-
TITLED "HOW TO SAVE ISRAEL IN SPITE OF HERSELF."

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ACCORDING TO FCO OFFICERS IN RECENT MONTHS THE FCO HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO MORE VOCIFEROUS PRESSURE FROM THE BRITISH PRO-ARAB LOBBY THAN FROM THE ZIONIST LOBBY. TO LETTERS DEMANDING THAT THE UK SUPPORT AN IMPOSED SETTLEMENT, THE FCO REPLIES IN EFFECT THAT SUCH A SETTLEMENT "WILL NOT STICK."

3. MEANWHILE, CAABU ALSO CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. ON FEBRUARY 13 CAABU MEMBERS LED BY CONSERVATIVE MP DENNIS WALTERS ARE HOLDING A COMMEMORATIVE MEETING FOR MURDERED PLO REP SAID HAMMAMI, AT WHICH PLO REP ISAM SARTAWI AND BRITISH SYMPATHIZERS ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AND MRS. HAMMAMI WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOR. EMBASSY AND FCO HAVE DECLINED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND.

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